

**City of West St. Paul
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Halverson called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Halverson
Councilmembers John Bellows, Anthony Fernandez, Ed Iago, Dave Napier, Bob Pace and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ryan Schroeder
Police Chief Manila Shaver
City Attorney Kori Land
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith
Community Development Director Jim Hartshorn
Finance Director Char Stark
City Clerk Shirley Buecksler

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Napier to:

- Pull the OCWS Minutes of February 12, 2018 from Consent Agenda Item 9A;
- Pull the Regular City Council Minutes of February 26, 2018 from Consent Agenda Item 9A;
- Pull Item 9I, Provisional Rental License - 1166 Smith Avenue South, from the Consent Agenda;
- Pull Item 9J, Provisional Rental License - 821 Allen Avenue, from the Consent Agenda;
- Pull Item 9N, Appointment to Planning Commission, from the Consent Agenda;
- Move Item 11A, 2018 Bond Issue (Robert Street Reimbursement & 18 Construction Project) from New Business to Item 10D under Public Hearings; and
- Approve the agenda, as amended.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. OCWS Briefing

Mayor Halverson stated that the Council held a Work Session prior to the regular meeting to discuss the following:

- Assessment Policy
- Committee Bylaws
- Zoning Amendment – Banquet Halls in the I-1 District
- Ordinance Regarding Sexual Predators
- Memorial for Officer Patrick
- West St. Paul Outreach Initiative

6. Citizen Comments

Mark Schroeder, 147 Winona Street West, addressed the Council regarding the age to purchase tobacco, smoking in public places, the Dome, Robert Street, and Harmon Park. Council directed staff to bring forward a discussion of smoking in public places to a future Open Council Work Session.

Dan Sunday, 1304 Stryker Avenue, addressed the Council regarding a stop sign at the intersection of Stryker and Logan Avenues. Mr. Sunday provided a signed petition for the record, which is attached at the end of the minutes.

7. Council Comments

Mayor Halverson thanked the students of Independent School District 197 who participated in the recent March for Our Lives rally here in St. Paul, as well as in Washington, D.C. She said she is proud of these students for making our community a safer and stronger place and for the message that they are carrying.

Councilmember Fernandez said he attended the 360 Communities Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Luncheon on March 23rd. He said he is open to conversations and phone calls of how he can effect change in regards to domestic and sexual violence in our community.

Councilmember Napier said the SG3 Foundation will host a Memorial Hockey Tournament on April 7th and 8th at the West St. Paul Ice Arena, in honor of Sam Gottfredsen. This event will be held from 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 7, through 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 8. Funds raised by this event will benefit the SG3 Foundation that will award youth and junior hockey scholarships.

Councilmember Iago presented a campaign advertisement from a newspaper from about the 1950's. The campaign ad was for Louis C. Gydesen running for Commissioner, 4th District, Dakota County. Mr. Gydesen was the Mayor of West St. Paul from 1931 to 1936. His photograph is on the wall at City Hall. A copy of the advertisement is attached at the end of the minutes.

Councilmember Iago said that the Bush Foundation has given out educational fellowships for 2018 and one of the recipients was Shawntera Hardy of West St. Paul. Councilmember Iago congratulated Ms. Hardy on her fellowship.

Councilmember Vitelli said he went to Washington, D.C. with his wife and two grandsons. He said they were there for the March for Our Lives rally and that it was a very educational and overwhelming experience. He said there were about 40 students from Henry Sibley High School and congratulated the school, students and staff.

Councilmember Bellows said he wanted to thank the youth of our community for stating their views and recognizes that they have something to say. He added that demonstrations in the past few weeks have shown that our youth have a better view of how to express themselves effectively.

Councilmember Bellows thanked Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Sonday for how effective and concise their presentations were during citizen comments, as well as also having materials ready to present to Council in support of their requests. He said their approach was one that would be well served for others to follow because they got their point across.

8. Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions

A. Presentation by Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent of Schools, School District 197

Superintendent Peter Olson-Skog gave a presentation on the referendum vote coming up on May 8, 2018.

Answers to questions on the election can be found on the School District website at www.isd197.org/bond, by calling the Election Hotline at (651) 403-7557 or by emailing to elections@isd197.org.

Council thanked Superintendent Olson-Skog for coming and for providing the presentation on the election.

B. Presentation by Claudia Egelhoff on the Act on Alzheimer's Campaign

Claudia Egelhoff, 170 Emerson Avenue East, member of the West St. Paul Act On Alzheimer's team, gave a presentation on the Act on Alzheimer's Campaign. She said there will be an information session at 12:30 p.m. on May 14th at the Wentworth Library, 199 Wentworth Avenue East.

Council directed Staff to send a letter of support on the Council's behalf and thanked Ms. Egelhoff for coming.

9. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Councilmember Vitelli and seconded by Councilmember Iago to pull Item 9A (OCWS Minutes of February 12, 2018 and Regular City Council Minutes of February 26, 2018 only), Item 9I, Item 9J, and Item 9N, and move Item 11A to Public Hearings Item 10D, and resolved that the West St. Paul City Council does hereby approve the following:

A. Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Open Council Work Session Minutes of February 12, 2018 – **Item Pulled**
- City Council Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2018 – **Item Pulled**
- Open Council Work Session Minutes of March 12, 2018
- City Council Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018

B. List of Claims, in the Amount of \$662,339.76

C. Resolution No. 18-38, Accepting Donations to the City

D. Amended 2018 Fee Schedule

E. Bid Award to Diverse Construction Services, in the Amount of \$257,369.00, for the Remaining Roof Replacement at City Hall

F. Personal Massage License for Meghan Parker, NovaCare Rehabilitation, 60 Marie Avenue East

G. Resolution No. 18-37, Concurring with the Issuance of a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Exemption for South Robert Street Business Association

H. Outdoor Live Entertainment License for Celebrate West St. Paul's Events at Dunham's Food & Drink, 173 Lothenbach Avenue East, on May 18, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and May 19, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

I. Resolution Approving the Conversion to a Provisional Rental License for 1166 Smith Avenue South – **Item Pulled**

J. Resolution Approving the Conversion to a Provisional Rental License for 821 Allen Avenue – **Item Pulled**

K. 2018 Rental Business Licenses

L. Opportunity Zone Designation Support

M. Cost Sharing Agreement with Dakota County for ePollbooks

N. Appointment to Planning Commission – **Item Pulled**

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Public Hearing

A. Application for a Conditional Use Permit to Allow a Telecommunications Tower in a B3 District at 1400 Robert Street (Augustana Lutheran Church) – Buell Consulting, Inc.

Hartshorn provided an overview of the application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a telecommunications tower in a B3 District at 1400 Robert Street (Augustana Lutheran Church) from applicant Buell Consulting, Inc.

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Claudia Egelhoff, 170 Emerson Avenue East, addressed the Council.

Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Speaking on behalf of the applicant, Kristian Olson of Buell Consulting, Inc. and Joshua Matthews of T-Mobile addressed the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fernandez and seconded by Councilmember Pace to adopt Resolution No. 18-41, Approving a Conditional Use Permit to Allow a Telecommunications Tower in a B3 District at 1400 Robert Street.

Vote: 4 ayes / 2 nays – Councilmembers Bellows and Iago objected. Motion carried.

B. Application for a Conditional Use Permit to Allow an Accessory Structure Exceeding the Maximum Allowed Size in an R1-B District at 1250 Oakdale Avenue – St. Orthodox Church

Hartshorn provided an overview of the application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow an accessory structure exceeding the maximum allowed size in an R1-B District at 1250 Oakdale Avenue from St. Orthodox Church.

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Steve and Mary Strafelda, 261 Stassen Drive, addressed the Council.

Steffan Nye, 317 Moreland Circle, addressed the Council.

Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Paul Alban, Parish Council Chairman, addressed the Council.

George Khoury also addressed the Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fernandez and seconded by Councilmember Vitelli to adopt Resolution No. 18-42, Approving a Conditional Use Permit to Allow an Accessory Structure Exceeding the Maximum Size in an R1B District at 1250 Oakdale Avenue.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Final Reading – Amendment to Gross Earnings Tax Ordinance 34.05 – Electric Utility Tax

Stark provided an overview of the ordinance amendment and answered questions from the Council. She also included a corrected copy of the ordinance, changing the type of “56%” to “6%.”

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 8:33 p.m.

Jake Sedlacek, Manager of Community Relations and Economic Development for Xcel Energy, addressed the Council.

Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pace and seconded by Councilmember Bellows to approve Ordinance No. 18-09, An Ordinance Amending Section 34.07 of the West St. Paul City Code Regarding the Electric Utility Tax.

Vote: 5 ayes / 1 nay – Councilmember Fernandez objected. Motion carried.

D. 2018 Bond Issue (Robert Street Reimbursement & 18 Construction Project)

Start provided an overview of the 2018 Street Reconstruction Overlay Plan (SROP) and Issuance of SROP Bonds.

Mayor Halverson opened the Public Hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Halverson closed the Public Hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bellows and seconded by Councilmember Pace to adopt Resolution No. 18-43, Adopting a Street Reconstruction Overlay Plan and Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

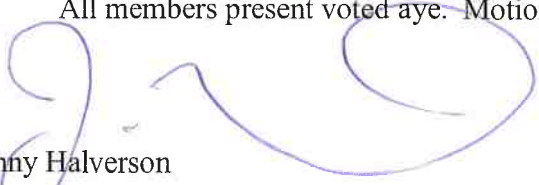
11. New Business

A. Item Moved to Public Hearings as Item 10D – 2018 Bond Issue (Robert Street Reimbursement & 18 Construction Project)

12. Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilmember Pace and seconded by Councilmember Napier to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.



Jenny Halverson
Mayor
City of West St. Paul

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ELECT LOUIS C. GYDESEN COMMISSIONER

4TH DISTRICT - DAKOTA COUNTY

- Alderman 3rd ward 2 terms City of West St. Paul—4 years.
- Elected Mayor 3 terms—6 years.
- Elected 9th district Governor Optimist Int. 1947 to 1948.
- Holder of U. S. Treasury award for patriotic service 1941 to 1945.
- Has been a salesman all his life.
- A man capable of approaching big industry with the knowhow that would encourage them to locate in our county.

**Elect A Capable, Experienced Man
Cast Your Vote For Louis C. Gydesen**

Paid Adv.—Inserted by and for Louis C. Gydesen, 218 W. Annapolis, West St. Paul, Minn.



*Dear Bill: Thought you might get a kick out
of this when I ran onto it. Marty Halverson*